

COON RAPIDS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 7, 2014

OPEN MIC/PUBLIC COMMENT

Alan Williams of 10744 Yellow Pine Street asked whether the open mic portion of the meeting was actually part of the meeting and, if it is, why the open mic is not televised. Mayor Howe explained that is the process Council has established for the open mic portion of the meeting.

Shelly Iverson of 149 104th Avenue thanked the City for the additional budget dollars in 2015 for the Teen Center. Ms. Iverson then expressed concern with the possibility of moving the Teen Center to the Ice Arena, the potential of lost funds for summer programming, and asked the Council to have staff meet with the Teen Center for input into programming, location, budgets, etc. Ms. Iverson indicated that Youth First started as a way to serve at risk youth and she does not believe that the 2015 proposal does that.

Jerry Pierce asked to have the Minutes of the September 26, 2014 Council Meeting read when they are approved so that everyone knows what is happening with Harvest Grill.

Sam Schultz of 2623 Northdale Blvd said that Ms. Iverson, over the past three months, has been a huge support for the Teen Center kids by helping kids with family issues and this has been going on for years. He then explained that he helps with cleaning and keeping up the center and helping with events. Mr. Schultz said that moving to the ice arena will be hard because they come from school and can walk. His parents work late so they cannot drive him around and most of the kids from the Teen Center are kids that are kicked out of houses or don't have a great family life and they come to the Teen Center and get help. Mr. Schultz said that moving the Teen Center will make things harder for the kids that go to the Center.

Ms. Iverson from the Teen Center clarified that the kids are misunderstanding and said she is aware that the ice arena will be one day a week. She then said that in looking at the calendar for the new proposal it states that the Teen Center will not be open in the summer other than just one day a week and she would like to know where the kids are going in the summer.

Council asked Staff to provide an update on the concerns raised by the Teen Center.

CALL TO ORDER

The first regular meeting of the Coon Rapids City Council for the month of October was called to order by Mayor Tim Howe at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 7, 2014, in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Mayor Howe led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Mayor Tim Howe, Councilmembers Denise Klint, Ron Manning, Paul Johnson, Jerry Koch, Bruce Sanders and Steve Wells

Members Absent: None

ADOPT AGENDA

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO ADOPT THE AGENDA AS AMENDED ADDING ITEM 1A UNDER PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS TO ALLOW FOR A PRESENTATION FROM SENATOR JOHN HOFFMAN AND REMOVING ITEM 11 FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PROCLAMATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

1A. PRESENTATION FROM SENATOR JOHN HOFFMAN

Senator John Hoffman addressed the Council and reviewed the 2014 legislative report. He was happy to report that advancements were being made in Local Government Aid. It was his hope that this would be sustainable going into the future. He announced that all-day every day kindergarten had become a reality. He stated that transportation would be a priority for him in 2015, namely Highway 10. He thanked the Council for their leadership and support.

Mayor Howe thanked Senator Hoffman for the update.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

1. AUGUST 13, 2014, WORK SESSION
 2. SEPTEMBER 2, 2014, WORK SESSION
 3. SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, COUNCIL MEETING
 4. SEPTEMBER 23, 2014, WORK SESSION
 5. SEPTEMBER 26, 2014, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 13, 2014, WORK SESSION MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0-1 (JOHNSON ABSTAINED).

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2, 2014, WORK SESSION MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2014, COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2014, WORK SESSION MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 26, 2014, SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

CONSENT AGENDA/INFORMATIONAL BUSINESS

6. ADOPT RESOLUTION 14-89 ACCEPTING THE 2015 TZD ENFORCEMENT GRANT FROM THE MINNESOTA OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY, AND AUTHORIZE THE POLICE CHIEF OR DESIGNEE TO ADMINISTER AND ACT AS THE FISCAL AGENT FOR THE GRANT
7. APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS AND FINAL PAYMENT TO GEISLINGER AND SONS, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,911.37 FOR PROJECT 13-24, LIFT STATION NO. 8
8. APPROVE OF CHANGE ORDER AND FINAL PAYMENT TO NORTH VALLEY, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$34,178.59 FOR PROJECT 13-8, STREET RECONSTRUCTION
9. ACCEPT PETITION REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THOUSAND OAKS IV TOWNHOMES ASSOCIATION HOUSING IMPROVEMENT AREA AND ORDER A PUBLIC HEARING FOR DECEMBER 2, 2014 AT 7:00 P.M.
10. APPROVE THE FOLLOWING FOR THE 2014 GENERAL ELECTION:
 - A. APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE ATTACHED LIST OF ELECTION JUDGES
 - B. AUTHORIZE THE CITY CLERK TO APPOINT AND ASSIGN ELECTION JUDGES DURING THE 25 DAYS PRECEDING THE ELECTION AS NECESSARY
 - C. SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING TO CANVASS ELECTION RESULTS FOR WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2014 AT 7:30 A.M.
11. APPROVE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS A, ON SALE AND SUNDAY LIQUOR LICENSE FOR KB&J ENTERPRISES, INC., D/B/A HARVEST GRILL, 12800 BUNKER PRAIRIE ROAD, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 8, 2014, CONTINGENT UPON VERIFICATION OF AN ANOKA COUNTY FOOD SERVICE LICENSE FOR KB&J ENTERPRISES, INC.
12. ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-93 TO ACCEPT THE \$25,360 GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ON BEHALF OF ALL THREE JURISDICTIONS WITH THE FUNDS REDISTRIBUTED IN THE MANNER PRESCRIBED BY THE GRANT; AND TO AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE OR DESIGNEE TO ADMINISTER THE

13. GRANT ON BEHALF OF ANOKA COUNTY AND CITY OF FRIDLEY
ACCEPT RESIGNATION OF AMY GRAVES, ACKNOWLEDGE HER CONTRIBUTION
AND APPOINT MR. BILL PETERSON TO THE COON RAPIDS HISTORICAL
COMMISSION WITH A TERM TO EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2015
 14. APPROVE WAIVER OF \$77 LICENSE FEE FOR BOY SCOUT TROOP 212 TO
OPERATE A CHRISTMAS TREE LOT
 15. ACCEPT EASEMENT FOR DRAINAGE AND UTILITY PURPOSES FROM JERELYN
S. PARKER AND SHARON LEE PARKER.
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MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER
JOHNSON, FOR APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED REMOVING
ITEM 11.

Mayor Howe thanked all residents who serve as election judges for their dedication to the
community.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROPOSED LOT SPLIT AND VARIANCES TO MINIMUM
LOT WIDTH, DEPTH, AND AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR 10425 JAY STREET WITH
CONDITIONS
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KOCH, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS,
TO APPROVE THE PROPOSED LOT SPLIT AND THE VARIANCES TO MINIMUM LOT
WIDTH, DEPTH AND AREA REQUIREMENT WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. ALL COMMENTS OF THE CITY ENGINEER MUST BE ADDRESSED.
2. COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE 11, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS.

3. PARK DEDICATION FOR THE TWO LOTS BE PAID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,000 PER LOT PRIOR TO RELEASING THE LOT SPLIT FOR RECORDING.

AND STRIKING THE FOLLOWING CONDITION:

4. THE APPLICANT MUST APPLY TO THE CITY TO VACATE THE ALLEY LOCATED TO THE REAR OF THE PROPERTIES.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

17. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ASSESSMENT POLICY AND APPROVE RATES FOR THE 2015 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO APPROVE AN AMENDMENT TO THE CITY ASSESSMENT POLICY AND APPROVE RATES FOR THE 2015 STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

18. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF USE AND DESIGN FLEXIBILITY FOR TWO MONUMENT SIGNS ALONG COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD FOR MERCY HOSPITAL

The Staff report was shared with Council.

Mayor Howe asked if the third sign would require design and use flexibility. Community Development Director Nevinski discussed the third sign (D3) for Mercy Hospital and its location, noting this interior sign was already in place and would not require design or use flexibility.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR DESIGN AND USE FLEXIBILITY TO ALLOW A 15 FOOT TALL MONUMENT SIGN AND A 20 FOOT TALL MONUMENT SIGN BASED ON THE FOLLOWING FINDINGS:

1. THE APPLICANT DEMONSTRATED THAT THE MODIFICATION IS NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO SITE CONDITIONS. THE LARGE BUILDING AND THE AMOUNT OF INFORMATION THAT HAS TO BE DISPLAYED CREATES THE NEED FOR TALLER SIGNS TO ENSURE THAT LETTERING IS LEGIBLE.
2. THE LARGER SIGNS WILL RESULT IN BETTER INTEGRATION OF USES. THE SIGNS CAN BETTER DIRECT TRAFFIC INTO AND AROUND THE SITE.

3. THE PLACEMENT OF THE MONUMENT SIGN AWAY FROM COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD AND THE FACT THE HOSPITAL BUILDING AND SKYWAY PROVIDE A BACKDROP FOR THE SIGN WILL MITIGATE POTENTIAL ADVERSE EFFECTS OF THE TALLER SIGN.
4. THE UNIFORM DESIGN OF THE SIGNS WILL HELP PEOPLE IDENTIFY THAT THEY ARE ON THE MERCY HOSPITAL COMPLEX AND NOT AN ADJACENT SITE.
5. THE MODIFICATION WILL ADVANCE THE INTENT OF THE SECTION IN THAT IT WILL PROTECT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF INDIVIDUALS COMING TO THE HOSPITAL BY PROVIDING CLEARER AND MORE LEGIBLE INFORMATION AND DIRECTIONS.
6. BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE PROPERTY HAS BEEN DEVELOPED AND THE LENGTH OF FRONTAGE ALONG COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD, A THIRD SIGN ALONG COON RAPIDS BOULEVARD WILL ADVANCE THE GOAL OF HAVING THE SITE FUNCTION IN AN EFFICIENT AND WELL ORGANIZED MANNER.
7. THE THIRD SIGN WILL BE BUFFERED WITH THE BACKDROP OF THE SKYWAY, EXISTING LANDSCAPING AND THE HOSPITAL BUILDING.
8. THE ADDITIONAL SIGN WILL NOT DETRACT FROM THE OTHER USES IN THE PORT.

Councilmember Sanders suggested the Council review the Sign Ordinance at a future worksession meeting.

Mayor Howe directed staff to review the Sign Code further and report back to the Council.

Community Development Director Nevinski stated the current sign standard works for the majority of the properties along Coon Rapids Boulevard. For the other property owners, their requests were allowed to request design and use flexibility, which then allowed for staff review with conditions.

THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

19. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 14-94 PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF \$9,720,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014A

The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-94 PROVIDING FOR THE SALE OF \$9,720,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014A. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

20. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-85 ESTABLISHING COON RAPIDS ICE CENTER FEES AND CHARGES, AND APPROVE THE USER GROUP CONTRACTS
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-85 ESTABLISHING COON RAPIDS ICE CENTER FEES AND CHARGES, AND APPROVE THE USER GROUP CONTRACTS. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

21. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2014 COMPREHENSIVE WATER SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, TO APPROVE THE 2014 COMPREHENSIVE WATER SYSTEM PLAN UPDATE. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

22. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE TERMS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

Councilmember Koch asked if staff knew what type of lighting would be used. Public Works Director Himmer anticipated the lighting would be similar to the fixtures used at Riverview Park.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER MANNING, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER KLINT, TO APPROVAL OF THE TERMS OF THE LOAN AGREEMENT WITH AMERICAN LITTLE LEAGUE, AND AUTHORIZE STAFF TO EXECUTE SAID AGREEMENT. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

23. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 14-92 CERTIFYING DELINQUENT UTILITIES TO TAXES
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The Staff report was shared with Council.

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER WELLS, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 14-92 CERTIFYING DELINQUENT UTILITIES TO TAXES. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

REPORTS ON PREVIOUS OPEN MIC

24. OPEN MIC REPORT – KYLE PALZER – 911 110TH AVENUE

Mayor Howe discussed Mr. Palzer's comments made during Open Mic at the September 2, 2014 Council meeting.

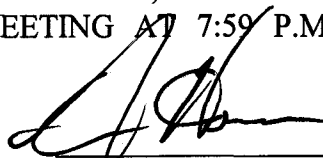
OTHER BUSINESS

City Attorney Brodie explained the liquor license request from KB&J was pulled from the Consent Agenda due to the fact the Department of Revenue had not approved the license. The current license holder had outstanding taxes. He advised that staff would continue to work on this matter with the applicant.

Mayor Howe indicated he recently met with members of the baseball association. He reported the older kids within the program are in need of ball fields in the Coon Rapids area. The baseball association recommended lighting the second field at Winter Crest. He requested staff investigate the expense of this project. Another opportunity would be for the City to negotiate the use of ball fields with Anoka-Ramsey again.

ADJOURN

MOTION BY COUNCILMEMBER SANDERS, SECONDED BY COUNCILMEMBER JOHNSON, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:59 P.M. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.



Tim Howe, Mayor

ATTEST:


Joan Lenzmeier, City Clerk